



# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

from *Suite du premier ton*

I. Plein Jeu

II. Dialogue

III. Récit

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN • ELW 880

*O God beyond All Praising*



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

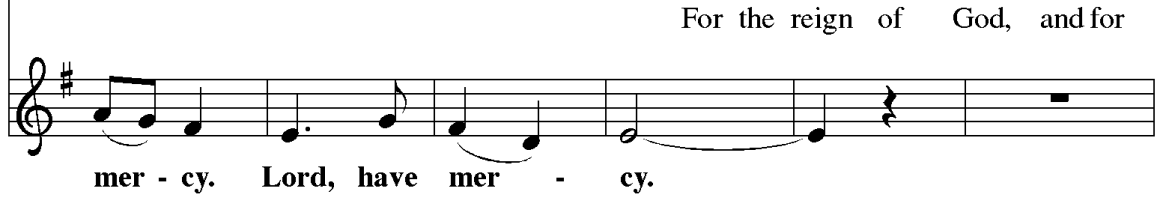
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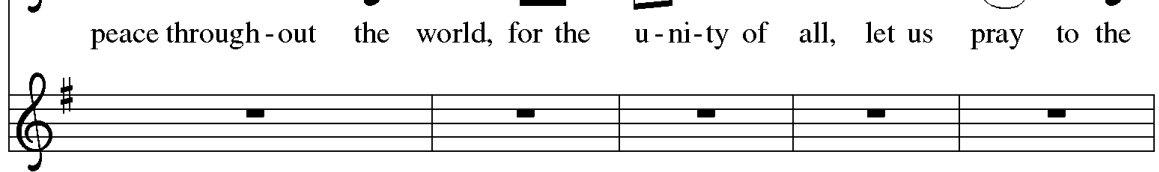
For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the




Lord.



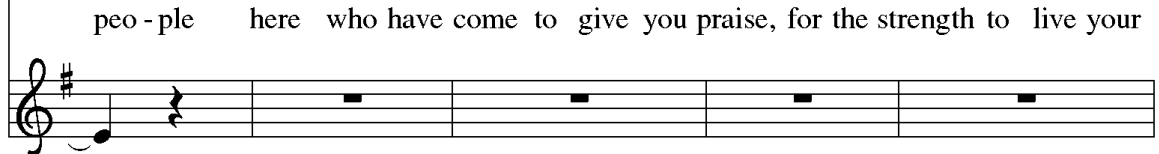
For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of  
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

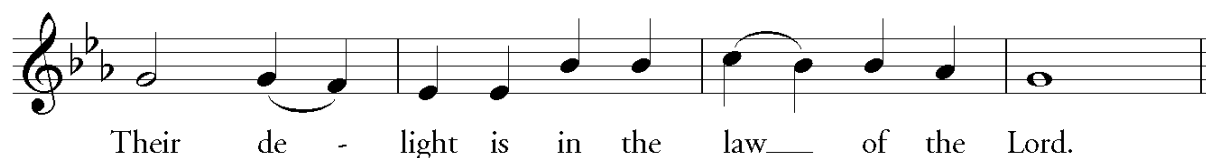
See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

*The organ introduces the refrain. Please sing the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.*



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [of] the wicked,\*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, ... nor sat in the [seats of] the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the [law of] the LORD,\*  
and they meditate on his law [day] and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, ...  
bearing fruit in due season, ... with leaves that [do] not wither;\*  
everything they [do] shall prosper.

*Antiphon*

- 4 It is not [so with] the wicked;\*  
they are like chaff which the [wind blows] away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [judg]-ment comes,\*  
nor the sinner in the council [of] the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the [way of] the righteous,\*  
but the way of the [wicked] is doomed.

*Antiphon*

## SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

**All:** *Alleluia.* Let your face shine up- | on your servant,\* and teach | me your statutes.  
*Alleluia.* (Ps. 119:135)

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Stephen Deal

*Please stand as you are able.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

*All Our Work and All Our Being*



1. All our work and all our being come from you, most gracious Lord.  
2. Some may nurture those who hunger, tend and heal the broken heart;  
3. Let us labor in the knowledge that no task can be too small;



Ev'ry task which lies before us is Cre-a-tor's will out-poured.  
set our flag-ging spi-rits danc-ing, spark our vi-sion through their art.  
that the God who stretched the hea-vens no less shaped the least of all.



Help us as we build your king-dom know we labor not in vain;  
O - thers teach and of - fer coun-sel, bear life's bur-dens, ease its care;  
Give us strength, Lord, to ac - comp-lish what you set our hands to do;



give us sure and deep con - vic-tion for the tasks that you or - dain.  
strive for jus - tice, peace, and free-dom for all peo - ple ev' - ry - where.  
that by ser - ving those a - round us, we re - turn the gift to you.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Litany for Labor Day**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all of God's creation.

God of all creation, you made us co-creators with you,  
shaping the world in which we live.

**You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.**

By our labor, you enrich the world.

**By our labor we enjoy the fruits of creation.**

For providing varieties of work and for blessing our labor:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who plow the field, those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and  
machinists; for those who work with their hands, and those who move the earth:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and  
technicians; for those who work with technology; for those who work toward continued needed vaccines:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers,  
for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who work in offices, those who work at home, and those who work in warehouses;  
for administrative assistants, for those who support, for IT experts,  
for those who market products and those who move them:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who inspire our minds, and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants,  
and those who protect, and those who defend, for religious servants, missionaries,  
those who help the poor, and those who work with our children:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for custodians and sanitation workers,  
for laborers who clean and for those who produce cleaning products:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep  
sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

**Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

Bless the retired and those who intercede in prayer for others. Especially, bring healing to all who are ill, and  
embrace with your love all who mourn.

**Give health to the sick and hope to the bereaved.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us)  
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### SAXOPHONE VOLUNTARY

from *Sonata for Eb Alto Saxophone and Piano*  
I. Largo  
II. Courante

Henri Eccles (1670-1742)  
arr. Sigurd M. Rascher

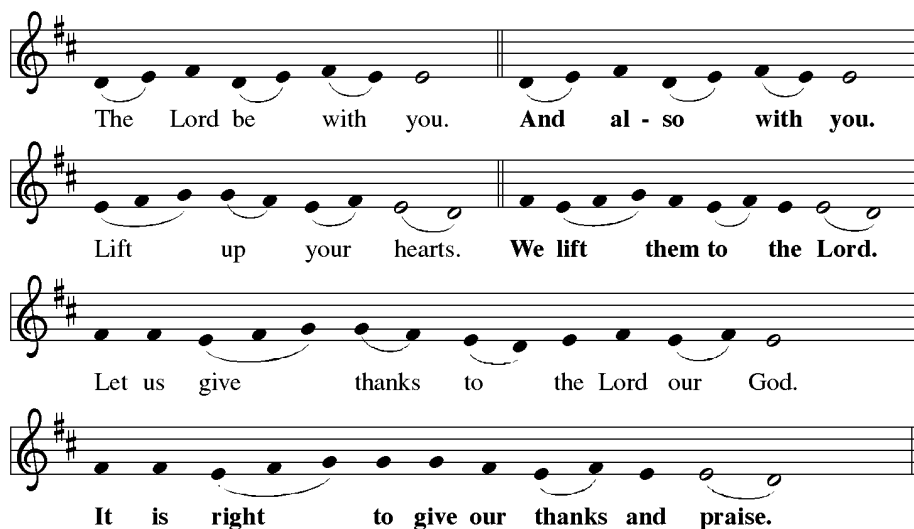
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### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God, Creator of all time and space, in this, our own time and place, we give you thanks and praise for giving us life, and inviting us to share in the history of a people who are blessed by your faithfulness, challenged by your prophets, forgiven by your mercy, and ever surprised by your power to do more, working in us, than we can ask or imagine.

We thank you for your life manifest in Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection reveal you fully: your love for humanity, your desire for human freedom, your passion for justice.

We remember that Jesus, gathered at the table with his friends in a time of struggle and fear, took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Come now, Holy Spirit of God. As you were present at creation, be present now, and let these gifts of bread and cup become for us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing. As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith, be present now, and make this community, in receiving this bread and cup, one body in Christ.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu reino,  
hagase tu voluntad,  
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;  
perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,  
mas libranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder, y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*

**Amen.**

# LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

# COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 474

*Bread of Life From Heaven*

*Refrain*



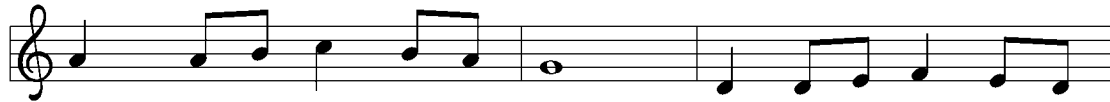
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas  
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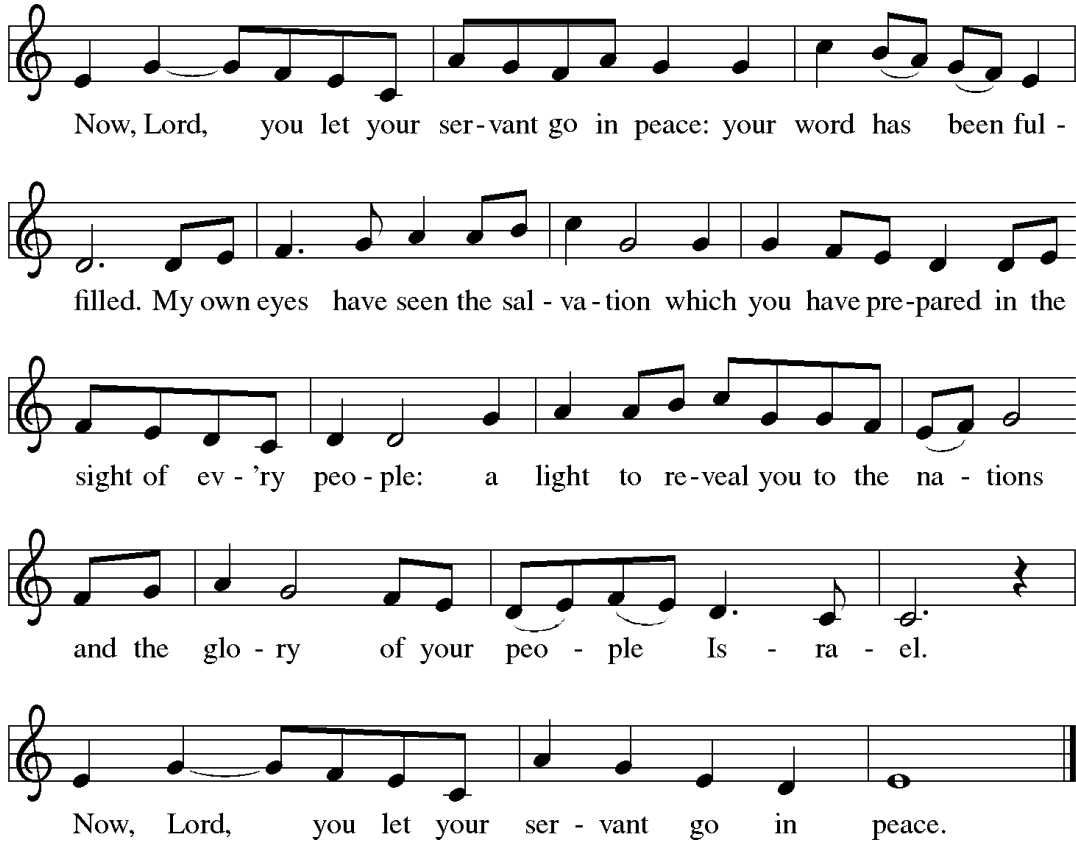
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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**



SENDING HYMN • ELW 731

*Earth and All Stars!*



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

from *Suite du premier ton*  
IV. Grand Jeu

Denis Bédard



## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Rosario Hernandez, *Saint Luke Member, former Saint Luke pastor*

### PREACHING MINISTER

Stephen Deal, *Regional Representative, Central America, ELCA Global Mission*

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

### READERS

8:45 Dee Clarkin

11:15 Bob Woodward

### MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Navek Leonard, *Alto Saxophone*



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Dee Clarkin in remembrance of Christopher Clarkin. Let us praise God for the glorious community of the saints gone before us, those yet to come and all here on earth now.

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## This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY, September 4—13th Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
11:15 AM Holy Communion  
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

### MONDAY, September 5

Labor Day—Office closed

### TUESDAY, September 6

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
7:00 PM Reformation Bells  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, September 7

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
4:30 PM Novices Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program  
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal  
7:30 PM AA

### THURSDAY, September 8

7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer  
8:00 AM CDS Classes

### FRIDAY, September 9

8:00 AM CDS Classes

### SATURDAY, September 10

8:30 AM Zoom Men's Group  
9:30 AM AA

### SUNDAY, September 11—Homecoming Sunday

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Reception  
11:15 AM Holy Communion

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

### Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

*Friday, September 9, 2022*

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

## Saint Luke Update 9/4/2022 Edition

**THE COVID TRANSMISSION RATE in Montgomery County has for now decreased, so now masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED indoors at Saint Luke. Thank you for staying safe and well.**

### WHAT A TREAT: WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS

Welcome to **Stephen Deal**, long time missionary in Central America and now Regional Representative there for ELCA Global Mission. Stephen and his wife, Marta, and their family, have been part of Saint Luke for many years. (Actually, Stephen's father used to be the visitation pastor at Saint Luke.) We have been one of the supporting congregations for Stephen in this amazing ministry and how wonderful that he is in the states this week and able to be with us. Thank you, Stephen!

Also, welcome back **Pastor Rosario Hernandez**. Pastor is a former pastor of Saint Luke, did her internship here, was ordained here, and instrumental in beginning the Latinx outreach 25 years ago. She lives in Mexico now, but remains a member of Saint Luke and worships at Saint Luke each week, thanks to technology. Welcome Pastor Rosario!

### HOMECOMING SUNDAY: NEXT WEEK

is almost upon us. Yes, **September 11**, we hope many will be able to return in person. We will celebrate many ministries, receive new members, affirm our vocations in the world, remember prayers for peace on 9/11, have recognition of our Council, enjoy a special reception between the services, and so much more. Yes, all begins again September 11.

### PRAYER PARTNERS + BRUNCH

Can you spend a few minutes each day lifting up 7-10 individuals or families in prayer? What an amazing ministry to know someone is praying for us. Each day Prayer Partners pray for each member of Saint Luke and so many others. If you can be a Partner, contact Parish Nurse, Director of Caring Ministries, Ruth Manchester at [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us)

And, all Prayer Partners, prospective partners and any interested in hearing about this ministry, come to the brunch on **Sunday, September 25**, 10:00 a.m. in the Big Top—Upper Parking lot. Thanks to all for your amazing ministry of prayer—don't miss out on the delicious brunch and fellowship. Watch for the details and how to RSVP in next week's Update.

### MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE FALL 2022

#### Choirs

#### Bell Choirs

On Wednesdays:

Novices (k-2nd grade) is the training choir that leads up to the Choristers.

Meet from 4:30 to 5:00 PM (start date TBA)

Reformation Bells (high school/adults)

Meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (starts September 6)

Choristers (3rd—8th grade/voice change for boys)

Meet from 5:30 to 7:00 PM (started August 31)

5:30 to 6:00 Voice for Life training

6:00 to 7:00 rehearsal

Genesis Bells (3rd—8th grade)

Meet on Sundays from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM (start date TBA)

Schola Cantorum (high-school/adults)

Meet from 7:30 to 9:30 PM (started August 24)

# Today's Music

## HYMN NOTES

### **O God beyond All Praising**

*Michael Perry, 1942-1996*

Perry wrote this hymn for the tune THAXTED to supply a text for worship rather than the one associated with it, "I vow to thee, my country." It first appeared in *Hymns for Today's Church* (1982) and is an expansive hymn of praise, as one might expect for an expansive tune such as this. It moves from God's mercies generally, to what God has done in Christ specifically, to our response in Christ.—ELW Hymnal Companion

### **Bread of Life from Heaven**

*Susan Briehl, b. 1952*

Briehl and Haugen had created a set of bilingual Eucharistic acclamations utilizing what Haugen calls "the utmost archetypal melody" of the ARGENTINE SANTO. "When the acclamations were first introduced for a gathering of Lutheran bishops' assistants in San Antonio, Texas, in 2001, [they] thought about adding a communion hymn." Briehl saw the "rich possibility" of John 6 and created the five stanzas given here.—ELW Hymnal Companion

### **Earth and all stars**

*Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926-2009*

For the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in 1864, Brokering, a Lutheran minister and poet, wrote a text which attempts to pick up and praise "many facets fo life which merge in the life of the community. So there are references to buildings, nature, learning, family, war, festivity." We can enjoy this contemporary hymn because it brings pictures and visual images to mind as we sing.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Prelude and Postlude: Suite du Premier Ton—Denis Bédard (b. 1950)**

This suite, an evocation of French Baroque organ music, begins with a majestic *Plein Jeu*. This is followed by a lively and joyful *Dialogue* between the trumpet and the cornet, after which, in the *Récit*, a mournful melody is heard on the oboe. The *Grand Jeu* consists of a fugato in ternary rhythm surrounded by two sections indicated *Maestoso*.

### **Music during the offering: Largo and Courante from Sonata for Eb Alto Saxophone and Piano—Henri Eccles (1670-1742)**

Definite information is scant for Henry Eccles (1670-1742), except that he was an English violinist who spent a portion of his career in France. This sonata was written in France. One of this sonatas was arranged for alto saxophone by Sigurd M. Rascher.